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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1891.

IS JUSTICE "COCK-EYED" IN HONGKONG?

The question is a pertinent one, and we have no hesitation in saying that it has frequently, alas! too frequently, to be answered in the affirmative. Justice in this colony is not even-handed; it is doubtful whether it ever has been, but of late public confidence in the inviolability and integrity of our law courts has been severely shattered—and no wonder. Grand old Socrates, the philosopher who first taught the world that the proper study of mankind is man, the "midwife of men's thoughts"—

"Who, firmly good in a corrupted state, Against the rage of tyrants single stood, Invincible!"

Is it not in words pregnant with practical wisdom that what is in conformity with justice should also be in conformity with the laws; and were acquainted with no modern philosopher or law-maker who has more accurately defined what ought to be, if it

is not, the substantial basis of all laws affecting the government of civilized peoples. But we sadly fear that in Hongkong at least, where striking examples are of almost daily occurrence, that public justice is not only "cock-eyed" and lame, but is at times positively blind.

The latest case is in itself happily one of very minor importance—so paltry, in fact, that did it not afford us a noteworthy illustration of our contention, we should pass it by unnoticed. Of course we refer to the amusing but instructive little comedy rehearsed at the Police Court on Saturday before Mr. A. G. WISE, in which LEUNG CHAN HOI, a store-keeper employed in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's premises, and Mr. H. B. PIXE, a clerk in that eminent "philosopher's" establishment, played leading rôles. Here are the alleged facts:

Leung Chan Hoi deposed that at 1.30 o'clock on the morning of the 3rd inst., Mr. Pixe came home to the Bank and called for a drink, and as no "boy" answered the call, he personally supplied the desired liquid refreshment. Mr. Pixe then ordered some sandwiches, but as there was no bread available, they could not be supplied. On being informed of this, the "boy" direct" was given by Mr. Pixe, who then proceeded to assault the Chinese servant, hitting him in the face four or five times, and then catching hold of his wrist, and asking him downstairs. They both tumbled down the stairs together.

Mr. Pixe's story was that at 2.30 a.m. on the morning in question he and two others went into the Bank and called for a drink, which was duly brought, and he then ordered sandwiches, which were not forthcoming. After waiting ten minutes he went out and found Leung sitting down, and asked why he had brought the sandwiches, to which Leung replied that it was not his "pidgeon" that it was the houseboy's work. Mr. Pixe then ordered him to call some "boy" to make the sandwiches, and he said he was too busy as he had his wine book to make up. Mr. Pixe then slapped him twice on the face, Leung defended himself with his feet, but was worsted in the encounter and chased downstairs. Leung said that Mr. Pixe was no gentleman because he used the word "damn."

It will be observed that the two statements vary considerably in matters of detail, although on the material point as to the alleged assault, they substantially agree. LEUNG CHAN HOI charged Mr. PIXE with assaulting him, the latter retailed by a prosecution for refusal of duty, and the Magistrate found Mr. PIXE guilty of what he called "a technical offence" and imposed a fine of five cents; his Worship likewise found Leung guilty of refusing to obey a lawful order and fined him five dollars, with the alternative of 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.

Now, we venture to think that the glaring injustice of the Magistrate's decision, even assuming that it had a sound legal basis, speaks for itself, and must directly appeal to the most casual observer; but we deny that it is justifiable legally. That a great many Chinese servants are very often offensively insolent will scarcely be denied, but on the other hand it should not be forgotten that Europeans, especially that class who were their own personal attendants before coming to the Far East, are extremely exacting in their requirements. Mr. WISE justified his lopsided decision on the ground that Leung's impertinence and impudence had provoked the assault. Is an assault the proper remedy for an employer when a servant forgets himself and is impertinent? We can't find any such provision in the Ordinances of Hongkong. And we are unable to agree with his Worship that in this case the Chinese was either impudent or impertinent. Probably eight out of every ten foreigners would have acted exactly as Mr. PIXE did, but that would not justify the assault. And what does the Magistrate mean by a "technical" assault? Mr. PIXE admitted that he slapped the "boy" twice on the face; Leung said that four or five blows were struck. In any case the assault was quite clear, and there was nothing "technical" about it—it was a practical assault from every point of view, and to inflict a fine of five cents was simply burlesquing justice. But the worst phase of the business was finding the Chinese 85, with the option of "doing" fourteen days hard labour, associated with the criminal classes who crowd Victoria Gaol to overflowing. Was this severe practice in accordance with Mr. A. G. WISE's published professions regarding gaol reform? We think not, but our present mission is to inquire how this sentence, after Mr. PIXE's five cents fine, was justified. In what way did LEUNG CHAN HOI disobey a lawful order? What was that lawful order? Was LEUNG CHAN HOI the servant of Mr. PIXE, and if so, in what capacity? There is certainly no evidence to show that Mr. PIXE had authority to order Leung to do anything whatever; but there is evidence in the contrary direction. LEUNG CHAN HOI described himself as a store-keeper in the Bank, and as that description was not even challenged it must be accepted as accurate. Is it a store-keeper's lawful duty to act as house-boy and to provide drinks and manufacture sandwiches for three young gentlemen at half-past one (or even at 12.30) in the morning, after having gone through his ordinary labours of the day? Was it his duty to attend to these gentlemen at all? He said it was

not, and for so saying was assaulted and then adjudged guilty of impudence and impertinence and fined 85, although he would appear to have spoken nothing but the absolute truth. How would Mr. A. G. WISE like to be called at one o'clock in the morning, after a hard day's work, to try a blind woman for hawking vegetables without a license, or a one-legged man for an alleged assault on a Sikh policeman? His Worship would speak his mind freely no doubt, and then ignore what, where a Chinese was concerned, he has held to be a lawful order. If Mr. PIXE had ordered LEUNG CHAN HOI to clean his boots, or to act as substitute for one of his chair-coolies—would that have been a lawful order to a person whose special duties would seem to be to look after the stores, etc., of the Bank mess? If one of the composers of this journal were requested to take a turn at the printing machine, would that be a lawful order? Mr. WISE is evidently of the opinion—that any order given to a Chinese servant must necessarily be a lawful order. It may be owing to the obliquity of our vision, but we really are quite unable to follow his Worship in what, if it is nothing else, a practical illustration of one law for the Chinese and another for the foreigner. The decision on the face of it is absurd, and if LEUNG CHAN HOI has any friends who object to his being recorded in the books of the Magistracy as "a convicted criminal," they ought to appeal without delay. Even had Leung been the house-boy whose duty it was to wait on members of the Bank mess, we gravely doubt whether any Court would hold, unless under very special circumstances, that to provide drinks and sandwiches at 1.30 a.m. could be fairly construed into "a lawful order." It is very rarely indeed that Mr. WISE is caught tripping in his magisterial decisions, but in this case we are bound to submit on the arguments we have adduced that he has erred both in law and in commonsense.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

His Excellency Shao Yu-lin, Governor of Formosa, left Shanghai for Tientsin the other day in the *Hsiao, en route* for Peking to have audience with the Emperor.

At the instance of Inspector Bremner, one Shik Nagan, residing at Wanchai, was charged with "sly grog" selling and fined \$5. An informer went "whacks" in the spot to the extent of ten dollars.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture, "Peter Schell" Walter.
"The March of the Light Infantry" Strauss.
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A "FLASKY" Portuguese youth named Joseph D. Remedios was charged at the Magistracy to-day with having assaulted Ho Lau, a barber. Remedios was not satisfied with having his elegant whiskers trimmed gratis, but must "fire" the barber's implements of trade out through the window and chase their owner after them. Fined \$5 or ten days. The shekels were forthcoming.

Whitely engaged in painting the roof of the Agra Bank at Shanghai on the 3rd inst., a Chinese workman fell and was killed, but in accordance with ancient custom no one would remove his body until it had been viewed by deceased's relatives. This was done on the following day when the *Chakien* held an inquest at the scene of the accident, and all being "proper," the body was removed to Pootung where the deceased had lived.

The *Kohunin Shimon* laments in strong terms the utterly degraded condition of the Buddhist priests in Japan. The deplorable dissensions, quarrels, and disputes by which their ranks are constantly divided are primarily due to the moral depravity of the priests themselves. But these troubles may, in our contemplation, be to some extent the result of faulty systems of government prevailing among the various sects. In some sects, as in the *Saijinhui*, the position of High Priest is hereditary; in others, as in the *Sodo-shu*, the occupant of that position is elected by all the *jo-shoku* or priests having a cure. But in all cases, the management of financial affairs is not conducted in a satisfactory manner. The Buddhist priests are, says the *Itan*, recommended to adopt the system of government now obtaining among Christian churches, and to appoint to positions of trust only men of purity, learning, and ability.

The other day a paragraph appeared in our columns, good-naturedly satirizing a scion of the *Jennesei* family who had foolishly made himself a conspicuous object in the public streets by arraying his chair-coolies in what Hamlet had been alive now, would have described as "the trapping and the mits of woe." Our ubiquitous reporter, who was eagle-eyed first innocently enough suggested that the individual in question might be a Hungarian magistrate. And that's where the trouble commenced. By the number of visits we have received from Hungarian noblemen of all grades, well, they said they were, anyhow—repudiating any connection with the "elegantly bandied coolies," one is forced to believe that quite a crowd of ancient and historic Magyarians must be stowed away thinking of official on the subject. Yet, *Magyar*, there is really no ordinance in Hongkong to prevent chair-coolies being "rigged-out" suit the tastes of their employers, and no particular reason exists, so long as the limits of decency and good taste are recognized, why persons with an artistic perception of the beautiful should not array their vassals in the picturesque garb of medieval times—only the apostles of a case for the unique, the æsthetic, or the peculiar may be prepared to encounter satirical criticism. But chair-coolies conspicuously dressed in mourning, apparently for the purpose of advertising their employer's woe, are a bit of an eye-sore in the public streets, and too strongly suggest the hired mutes at a funeral to be in good taste. And that is all we have to say on the subject.

A MAN named Theodore Huck, described as a coffee shop-keeper at 53, Stanley Street, was summoned by the Police for disorderly behaviour outside the "Rose, Shamrock and Thistle" Hotel. The case was remanded until to-morrow, bail in one surety of \$50 being allowed.

The *Japan Mail* reports that the wreck of the *Takachiho Maru*, which is now lying in deep water, has been sold for 4,000 yen. The price sounds large, but it must be remembered that the ship's boilers alone are worth probably five times the money, and there is no apparent reason why they should not be saved.

CHIAN CHUNG, a promising young priest (no evidence adduced to show by whom the accused had been ordained), was charged—not with having stolen a bundle of sin from a straying monk's back, but a bundle of cloth valued at \$20. The cleric, like all of his order, tried to slip off to Canton but was collared on board the *Hankow*, and

He is in the asylum now. With his hand upon his classic brow, Writing verses for his tomb, Speculating on his doom—for six weeks to come.

The Gambling Ordinance having filled the almost depleted exchequer with the coin of the realm, is now likely to fill the gamblers with men who lack that very necessary element, Mr. WISE generally assesses the value of a common gambling house at \$25 and rarely a day passes now but that some coolie or barber or hawk goes up for the term prescribed by the law for being necessary to purge the wicked souls of gamblers—generally six weeks. One, Yeung-shing, who had just attained the now recognised year of jubilation, 14, 50, was sent into the Thompsonian Retreat to-day, for six weeks because he had not made enough out of his "sporting" den to pay the tax—\$25.

The *Jiji Shinpo* says that during the violent gale on the 10th inst., a foreign ship was driven ashore in Kan-no-wa Bay, in the Aki district of Kochi Prefecture. The police, observing the vessel, sent boats to the assistance of the vessel, and one boat seems to have been able to make head against the wind and waves. It was the craft of a fisherman named Okuro Kamezo, and it succeeded in rescuing two of the vessel's crew. The latter, however, being unable to speak any Japanese, could convey little information about the unfortunate ship. She appears to have been an American sailing vessel of 1,950 tons burden, and it is said that her crew consisted of 17 persons. The captain was accompanied by his wife. Only two seem to have survived out of the whole thirteen. The nature of the vessel's cargo is not known, but doubtless all details will soon be furnished, as the surviving sailors have been sent to Kobe.

CAPTAIN MANNING, of the Nova Scotian barque *Sabir*, together with the first and second officers of the same craft were summoned before Mr. A. G. WISE this afternoon by different members of the crew upon charges of assault. Mr. WISE appeared for the defendants, who admitted assault in two cases. The evidence showed that all but three of the crew were "green-horns" who had shipped as able seamen drawing full pay, and that the officers were seriously hampered by their ignorance in "working ship." In three cases assault was admitted under provocation, and fines of one, two and two dollars respectively were inflicted. The most serious aspect of the business, however, is that the three defendants are also charged with having caused the death of a sailor named William. Full on the 29th July last, while on the high seas. This case has been remanded, bail being allowed in personal sureties of \$100 each.

MESSRS. Wheelock and Co. writing from Shanghai under date 4th inst., say that there is no change to report in their freight market since their last issue. Tonnage to London has not been in excess of requirements, whilst for New York the steamship *Madras* had no difficulty in finding her allotted space; tea-buying for the latter port during the early part of the fortnight under review, was on a large scale, but owing to the very unfavourable advices that have lately come to hand operations have almost entirely ceased for the time being. Rates remain steady at quotations. Coastwise—There is no improvement to note in this direction and we hear of no enquiries for tonnage. From Nagasaki to Shanghai. A rather better feeling exists and enquiries for tonnage have been made resulting in the charter of two craft as noted below. For London via usual ports of call and Suez Canal.—The berth is only supplied with tonnage; the O. S. S. Co. offers tonnage to-morrow and the steamship *Myosotis* and steamship *Glenloch* are circulated for respectively. The C. S. M. S. Co. steamship *Kienan* now due from Japan will follow 16th inst. For New York via Suez Canal.—The steamship *Alphon* is loading and will be despatched early next week; the steamship *Lemur* is the boat to follow on the berth. Rates of freight unchanged, viz 40s per ton of 40 cubic feet. Via the Cape.—The *Charles S. Wiley* progresses slowly with her loading, the market for general cargo in any quantity now being yet opened; the American ship *Luzon* has been put on the berth and her rate is 25s per ton as against 26s for C. S. S. Co. Departure for London, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal.—The steamship *Tuvalu* via Foochow 22nd August, the steamship *Glenloch* 23rd August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 24th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 25th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 26th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 27th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 28th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 29th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 30th August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 31st August, the steamship *Princess Alice* 1st September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 2nd September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 3rd September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 4th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 5th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 6th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 7th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 8th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 9th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 10th September, the steamship *Princess Alice* 11th 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